

and services to all Filipino World War II veterans for service-connected disabilities and nonservice-connected disabilities residing in the Republic of the Philippines on an outpatient basis at the Manila VA Outpatient Clinic; Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2003, the Senate concurring. That the United States Congress is respectfully urged to support the passage of S. 68 to improve benefits for certain Filipino veterans of World War II; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Hawaii congressional delegation, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 678. A bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmaster organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-112).

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

H. Con. Res. 209. A concurrent resolution commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia.

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 184. A resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1455. A bill to regulate international marriage broker activity in the United States, to provide for certain protections for individuals who utilize services of international marriage brokers, and for other services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 1456. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to mental health services for elderly individuals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 1457. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the rate of tax on distilled spirits on its pre-1985 level; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1458. A bill to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide for enhanced protection of nonpublic personal information, including health information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1459. A bill to provide for reform of management of Indian trust funds and assets under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REED, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1460. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1461. A bill to establish two new categories of nonimmigrant workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. MILLER):

S. 1462. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Cumberland Island Wilderness, to authorize tours of the Cumberland Island National Seashore, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1463. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add New York to the New England Fishery Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1464. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion for gain from the sale of farmland to encourage the continued use of the property for farming, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1465. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress honoring Wilma G. Rudolph, in recognition of her enduring contributions to humanity and women's athletics in the United States and the world; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1466. A bill to facilitate the transfer of land in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1467. A bill to establish the Rio Grande Outstanding Natural Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1468. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 200. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should adopt a conference agreement on the child

tax credit and on tax relief for military personnel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MILLER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DODD, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BUNNING, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 201. A resolution designating the month of September 2003 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Con. Res. 61. A concurrent resolution authorizing and requesting the President to issue a proclamation to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Constantino Brumidi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Con. Res. 62. A concurrent resolution honoring the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 794

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 1037

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1283, a bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of

Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to provide health care professionals with immediate relief from increased medical malpractice insurance costs and to deal with the root causes of the current medical malpractice insurance crisis.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1380

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1380, a bill to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America, and for other purposes.

S. 1396

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1396, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 1409

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to provide funding for infrastructure investment to restore the United States economy and to enhance the security of transportation and environmental facilities throughout the United States.

S. RES. 167

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 167, a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations and a leading force for product and manufacturing innovation throughout the 20th century.

AMENDMENT NO. 1379

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1379 proposed to H.R. 2555, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1455. A bill to regulate international marriage broker activity in the United States, to provide for certain protections for individuals who utilize services of international marriage brokers, and for other services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ms. CANTWELL. I rise today to introduce the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act of 2003. This legislation will provide much needed protections for the thousands of foreign women who meet their American husbands through for-profit Internet sites and catalogs.

While mail order bride catalogs may seem like a relic from the past, the use of marriage broker services has exploded in recent years with the growth of the Internet. While many of these matches result in happy, long unions, there is a growing epidemic of domestic abuse among couples who meet via international marriage brokers. Immigrant and women's advocacy groups across the country report seeing an increase in the number of these wives seeking to escape a physically abusive husband they met through an IMB. In several cases, the abuse has progressed to murder.

A 1999 study found there were over 200 Internet sites marketing foreign women primarily from Eastern Europe and Asia seeking American husbands. Recent studies suggest that there are now as many as 400 currently operating in this country. These sites feature pictures of hundreds of women who, according to the Web sites, are looking to meet and marry an American man. The international marriage brokers operating these sites promise a wife with "traditional values," who will honor her husband.

Unfortunately, women meeting their husbands in this manner frequently have little opportunity to get to know their prospective spouses or assess their potential for violence. They also have little knowledge of their rights as victims of domestic violence in our country even if they are not yet citizens or permanent residents.

In my State of Washington alone there have been three cases of serious domestic violence including two murders of women who met their husbands through an Internet-based international marriage broker. Susanna Blackwell met her husband through an IMB and, in 1994, left her native Philippines to move to Washington to marry him. During their short marriage, Timothy Blackwell physically abused his wife regularly. Within a few months, she had left him and begun divorce proceedings. The Blackwells had been separated for more than a year when Timothy Blackwell learned Susanna was eight months pregnant with another man's child. On the last day of the divorce proceedings, Timothy Blackwell shot and killed Susanna, her unborn child, and two friends who were waiting outside of the Seattle courtroom.

In 1999, 18-year-old Anastasia Solovyova married Indle King, a man

she met through an IMB. Entries from Anastasia's diary detail the abuse she suffered and the fear she had of her husband who threatened her with death if she were to leave him. In December 2000, Anastasia was found strangled to death and buried in a shallow grave in Washington. King's accomplice later told police that he strangled Anastasia with a necktie while King lay on her chest to keep her from moving. At trial, it was discovered that Indle King had previously married another woman he met through an internet IMB, who later got a domestic violence protection order against him before divorcing him in 1997. It was also discovered that he was seeking his third wife through an IMB when he and his accomplice developed the plot to kill Anastasia.

Unfortunately, there are similar examples across the country of women who have met their American spouses through an Internet IMB only to be seriously injured or killed by an American spouse with a preexisting history of violence against women.

My legislation is modeled on a groundbreaking Washington State law, the first State effort to regulate the international matchmaking industry. The Washington Legislature took action on this important issue after the Blackwell and King cases, and multiple States are currently looking at enacting similar legislation.

The primary goal of my legislation is to better inform women entering this country as fiancées and prospective spouses about the past history of their prospective spouse and to better inform them of their rights as residents of the United States if they become victims of domestic violence.

The bill would first of all halt the current practice of allowing Americans to simultaneously seek visas for multiple fiancées, by requiring that only one fiancée visa may be sought per applicant each year. Currently, multiple request for fiancée visas can be simultaneously filed with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration, and the American requesting the visa will simply choose to marry the first woman who is approved.

Second, my bill would require that, before an IMB may release the contact information of a foreign national client, it must first obtain her consent to the release of that information and second, provide her with information on the rights of victims of domestic violence in this country in her own language.

Third, the IMB would be required to ask American clients to provide information on any previous arrest, conviction or court-ordered restriction relating to crimes of violence along with their previous marital history. This information would also be made available to the foreign national.

Finally, it would require a U.S. citizen seeking a foreign fiancée visa to undergo a criminal background check, a check that is already performed for the fiancées entering the country